Loss due to natural calamities in Kerala

2813. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI K. E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central Team visited Kerala to assess the loss and damage due to natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the assessment report; and

(c) the details of central assistance sanctioned to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Government of Kerala has submitted a memorandum seeking additional financial assistance of Rs. 149.08 crore from National Calamity Contignecy Fund (NCCF) for the damage caused by heavy rains/floods during May-June 2006.

An Inter-Ministerial Central Team has visited the State between 11th and 14th July 2006, for an on the sopt assessment of damage and requirement of funds. The report of the Central Team has been processed and will be placed before the High Level Committee shortly for approving the quantum of Assistance from NCCF to the Government of Kerala.

Protection to Sufi Saint Dargah in Vadodara city

2814. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dargah of a Sufi Saint in Vadodara city of Gujarat is protected;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, whether there is any plan for its restoration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFARIS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per information received from the Government of Gujarat, the structure of the "kabar" (Dargah of Rasiduddin Rehmatullah Aleh) which was situated on the Mandvi-Champaner Gate Road and was obstructive to the traffic, was removed on the 1st May, 2006 by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation as a part of

the anti encroachment drive. After removing the debris, tar road was prepared by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation to facilitate vehicular traffic on the road.

Demolition of Dargah in Baroda

†2815. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for demolition of 300 years old 'Dargah' at Baroda on 1st May, 2006;

(b) whether a gate near the said 'Dargah' was also demolished;

(c) the number of persons killed in riots that broke out after the said incident; and

(d) the measures Government are taking to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Government of Gujarat, the structure of the "Kabar" (Dargah of Rasiduddin-Rehmatullah Aleh) which was situated on the Mandvi-Champaner Gate Road and was obstructive to the traffic, was removed on 1.5.2006 by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation as a part of its anti encroachment drive.

(c) Six persons were killed in the riots that broke after the incident.

(d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' as well as lands and buildings fall under State List as per the Constitution of India. However, keeping in view the sensitivities involved in such incidents, the Union Government has been sending appropriate advisories to the State Governments concerned to take prompt and appropriate action to address the complaints and grievances of persons belonging to minority communities. In the instant case, the Union Government has approached the Supreme Court of India and obtained a temporary Stay Order on the Gujarat High Court's Order dated 2/5/2006 directing the State Government to remove all encroachments in Vadodara and other places in the State.

The Union Government closely monitored the situation and issued appropriate advisories in connection with the above incident and provided central forces on the request of the State Government. Shri Sriprakash

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.